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Two Maine Men Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Richard Russell**, 49, of Lincoln, Maine, and **Troy Littlefield**, 44, of Oakfield, Maine, were sentenced on January 29, 2010, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine. Russell was sentenced to 120 months imprisonment, 8 years supervised release, a special assessment of \$100, and ordered to forfeit \$180,480. Littlefield was sentenced to 72 months imprisonment, 4 years supervised release, a special assessment of \$100, and ordered to forfeit \$85,725.

Court records reveal that between January 2002 and June 2005, Russell conspired with others to possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, and oxycodone. Russell was regularly “fronted” cocaine by his co-conspirators, which he would sell to various customers in the Lincoln, Maine area. Russell obtained the cocaine from his brother, then sold it and collected the proceeds, which eventually would be delivered to Russell’s supplier in Florida.

Between June 2005 and November 2005, Littlefield conspired with others to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. In the fall of 2005, two of the co-conspirators met two suppliers from Massachusetts through another co-conspirator. The suppliers were prepared to supply multi-ounce quantities of cocaine to the co-conspirators. Littlefield was regularly “fronted” cocaine by the two co-conspirators. Littlefield sold the cocaine, collected payment for it, and returned the proceeds to one of the co-conspirators, who would use the cash to buy more cocaine from the two Massachusetts suppliers.

Russell and Littlefield were prosecuted in connection with a two and a half year investigation into drug trafficking by Michael Mayer and others in the Lee/Lincoln area of Maine. United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

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